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The following Rules and Provisional Lists of Officers of the Ninth International Medical Congress, to be held in Washington in 1887, is published by order of the Executive Committee.

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RULES.

1. The Congress will be composed of members of the regular medical profession, and of such persons as may be specially designated by the Executive Committee, who shall have inscribed their names on the Register of the Congress, and shall have taken out their tickets of admission. As regards foreign members, the above conditions are the only ones which it seems, at present, expedient to impose.

The American members of the Congress shall be appointed by the American Medical Association, by regularly organized State and local medical societies, and also by such general organizations relating to special departments and purposes, as the American Academy of Medicine, the American Surgical Association, the American Gynæcological, Ophthalmological, Otological, Laryngological, Neurological, and Dermatological Societies, and the American Public Health Association; each of the foregoing Societies being entitled to appoint one delegate for every ten of their members.

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All Societies entitled to representation are requested to elect their Delegates at their last regular meeting preceding the meeting of the Congress, and to furnish the Secretary-General with a certified list of the Delegates so appointed.

2. The work of the Congress is divided into nineteen Sections, as follows, viz:

1. Medical Education, Legislation, and Registration, including methods of teaching, and buildings, apparatus, &c., connected therewith.
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18. Diseases of Children.
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3. The General Meetings will be reserved for the transaction of the general business of the Congress, and for addresses or communications of scientific interest more general than those given in the Sections.

4. Questions which have been agreed upon for discussion in the Sections shall be introduced by members previously nominated by the Officers of the Section. The members who open discussions shall present, in advance, a statement of the conclusions which they have formed as a basis for debate.

5. Notices of papers to be read in any of the Sections, together with abstracts of the same, must be sent to the Secretary of that Section before April 30, 1887. These abstracts will be regarded as confidential communications, and will not be published until the meeting of the Congress. Papers relating to questions not included in the list of subjects suggested by the Officers of the various Sections will be received. Any member, after April 30, wishing to bring forward a subject not upon the programme, must give notice of his intention to the Secretary-General at least twenty-one days before the opening of the Congress. The Officers of each Section shall decide as to the acceptance of any communication offered to their Section, and shall fix the time of its presentation. No communication will be received which has been already published, or read before a Society.

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7. The official languages are English, French, and German.

In the Sections no speaker will be allowed more than ten minutes, with the exception of readers of papers and those who introduce debates, who may occupy twenty minutes.

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